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COMMUNICATION REGARDING RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office action dated December 8, 2004,
which required a restriction for examination to either Species I,
relating to Figures 1-5 and Figure 7 [illustrating a butterfly or
wing nut attachment as the coupling means as addressed in Claims 5
and 27; or to Species II, [illustrating a hook-and-loop

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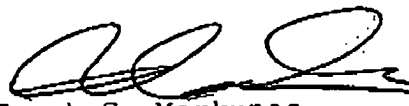
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attachment as the coupling means as addressed in Claims 5 and 27],
applicant disagrees that an election is necessary and traverses
the restriction requirement since the invention claims both
embodiments as a broadly defined "coupling means" as set forth in
5 Claims 5 and 27.

Should, however, an election be necessary to define the
coupling means to be either the butterfly or wing nut attachment
or to be the hook-and-loop attachment, applicant elects the hook-
and-loop and requests that such be examined as the coupling means.
10 This election relates to all claims pending in this application.
In this regard, and further provided that this election is
required, the reference to the wing nut attachment as the coupling
means is withdrawn pending the subsequent filing of a divisional
application therefor should the situation warrant.

Respectfully submitted,

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